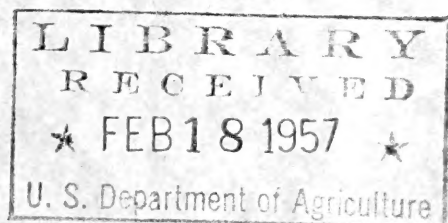


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To Our Customers - New and Old . . .

Hello again. Hope you've had a wonderful year. May your health be good, your friends many, and your garden grow like mad.

We've had a good growing season, the garden was a sight to behold. So many new dahlias to replace those lost in last year's freeze, it was fun to watch them come out. Never a dull moment. Those we think will be world-beaters turn out to be just so-so, and others that we've paid not much attention to are real surprises. We've made a lot of new friends this summer, hope you were among them. It's fun to watch someone on their first trip to a dahlia garden. Like turning a kid loose in a candy store. Hope we see you out in the garden next summer. We're not always able to talk dahlias to our friends, especially on week-ends, but like to know you're enjoying yourselves.

Want to apologize now, we've had a great many very nice letters that there just hasn't been time to answer. We enjoy receiving them, and if it's at all possible will answer them yet, but each year finds us a little more pressed for time. Nothing makes a busy day seem brighter than to get a cheerful letter from a dahlia friend.

Those people who've ordered from the garden will notice that a lot of varieties are missing from the catalogue. These are varieties that sold out in the garden, no use adding to the confusion by listing them when you're short on stock. If you made a list and can't find all those you want just send in your order anyway. Usually have a few to fill extra orders with.

Hope you have a fine garden again this year, will see you in the field at blooming time maybe.

VISITORS WELCOME

If you get to Seattle be sure to look us up. The field's worth a trip out to see. One trip is worth a dozen catalogues, the descriptions can't do them justice.

Come out First Ave. South. Cross new Duwamish bridge, keep on First Ave. South. At bottom of hill the pavement goes up Myers Way, stick with the pavement, it turns back to First Ave. South at top. When you get as far as 128th (it's paved, too) and First South, turn left. We are between Third Ave. and Fourth Ave. South on 128th. If the flowers are blooming (about the middle of August) you can't miss us. Everything is labeled with name and price, wear your old shoes and window-shop all you please. We'll be seeing you.

DESCRIPTIONS

Following the name of each larger variety here, the classification is first given. Next the key letter (AA-A-B) to give the general size of bloom. Then an approximate width of flower in inches. Last the general height of bush, T-Tall, M-Medium, S-Short.

Key Letter Following the Classification

AA—will produce blooms 10" or more.

A—will produce blooms from 8" to 10".

B—will produce blooms 4" to 8".

Min—Miniature. Blooms under 4" various heights to plants.

Special culture will increase the size of blooms, but these are normal sizes.

Bi-Color and Variegated Varieties

Almost all bi-color and variegated varieties have tendency to throw sports reverting to solid color, usually darkest color. We label those that are solid in our rows, but can't guarantee that there won't be some sports among those that are okay in our rows the previous season.

CLASSIFICATIONS

FD—Formal Decorative. Fully double flowers, uniform broad petals either pointed or rounded at tips.

ID—Informal Decorative. Fully double flowers with margins of floral rays slightly or not at all revolute. Generally long, twisted or pointed, irregular in arrangement.

SC—Semi-cactus. As name suggests, petals revolute for half their length.

ST.C.—Straight cactus. Petals straight and revolute for half or more of their length.

IC—Incurved cactus. Fully double flowers with margins of petals revolute for half or more of their length, and tips curving toward center of flower.

Ball—Fully double, ball shaped. Petals either quilled, round or blunt at tips.

Single—One row of petals with a definite disc in center.

Col—Collarette. Like a single, but has a tiny row of petaloids around center, like a collar.

Anemone—Open-centered flower, with the tubular disc florets elongated, forming a pincushion effect. One row of petals around cushion.

Mignon—Single dahlias, the plants of which approximate eighteen inches in height.

Peony—Open-centered flowers with two to five rows of ray florets with or without the addition of smaller floral rays around disc.

VARIETIES OFFERED AND RECOMMENDED

AGLAJA , St.C. A-8-M. Blend of salmon-red and yellow, very eye-catching. Victory Day seedling with perfect flower on wonderful stems	\$ 1.00
ALADIN , ID. AA-10-M. Bright spot in yard. Gold splashed red. A German variety, has good stems.....	1.00
ALCAZAR , SC. AA-10-M. Rich Tyrian purple, has lighter tips and reverse of petals. Good stems, very attractive.....	.60
ALDERMAN , IC. AA-10-T. Rich purple to dark ruby red almost black. Long twisted petals incurving widely. Color does not fade. Excellent stems	1.25
ALICE MAY , ID. AA-11-M. Large, well-formed white from Australia. Stiff stems .....	.75
ALL AMERICAN , SC. AA-11-M. Light carmine shaded orange. An unusual color. Strong stems. ....	.80
AMB. VON KLEFFENS , FD. A-8-M. Very clear, bright orange. Blooms profusely and is real eye-catcher. Good stems.....	.50
AMERICAN JUDGE , SC. AA-10-M. Golden yellow with salmon orange shadings on outer petals. Good stems. Curved inward .....	.75
AMIDONETTE , ID. A-9-M. Good bi-color. Bright orange-red with white tips. Good stems, blooms profusely. ....	.50
ANDRIES WONDER , ID. AA-11-M. New flower formation. Resembles large incurved chrysanthemum. Tips of petals are hooked upward. Rich salmon mixed with golden shadings. Pearl shell edged. Many awards.	1.50
ANITA , SC. A-9-M. Striking blood-red with excellent stems, bright spot in garden. ....	.75
ARISTOCRAT , St.C. B-6-M. This is one of the best cutflowers we grow. Wonderful bright berry red, good stems and keeps well.	1.00
ARTHUR GODFREY , FD. AA-12-M. Oriental red, with orange shadings. Sturdy stems. On three Honor Rolls and certified at three Trial Grounds.	1.25
ATOMIQUE , St.C. B-7-M. Beautiful white, tinted lilac at center. Erect flower on finest of stems for cutting. ....	.65
AUMONIER CHANDELON , IC. B-7-M. Lovely incurved flower. Very waxen look. Lemon yellow in center shading out to pale rose. Good stems. Makes beautiful bouquet. ....	.60
AUTUMN BROCADE , SC. B-7-M. Lovely salmon blending to orange at tips and lemon at base. Long, wiry, erect stems. Good cutflower, very popular.	1.00
AUTUMN LIGHT , St.C. A-8-M. Wonderful cutflower of bright apricot orange. Stiff stems.	1.00
BACCHUS , SC. B-7-M. Deep blood red cutflower. Best of stems. Award of Merit, Wisely England 1954.	1.00

BALLEGOS GLORY , FD. B-7-M. Mahogany red, edged with gold. Good stems, wonderful cutflower.	1.00
BELLE DAME , St.C. AA-10-M. This "beautiful lady" wears a salmon pink gown with a coral tinge. Best of stems and very free-flowering. Highest awards in Belgium and Germany	1.00
BERGERS AMETHYST , SC. B-7-T. Deep pink beauty, has a slight twist to petals. Long strong stems makes a wonderful cut- flower. Nice one from Holland.	1.00
BERGERS MASTERPIECE , IC. B-7-M. Delicate chamois-pink al- most flesh colored. One of the loveliest of flowers, long, strong stems. Perfect cutflower.	1.00
BERGERS METEOR , IC. A-9-S. Brilliant orange-red with lighter reverse. The twisted petals show the light reverse, gives illusion of light tips. Stiff stems.	1.00
BERGERS WUNDERBAR , St.C. B-7-T. Lovely pink shading laven- der with ivory cream center. Good stems. ....	.75
BETTY BLOSSOM , FD. A-8-M. Pastel-toned blend of creamy yellow with slight pink tinge. A different color, almost like Peace rose. Home Achievement medal and Honor Roll.	1.00
BETTY HUBARD , SC. AA-10-T. Clear deep yellow, full bloom. Good stems and fine cutflower. ....	.60
BILLS SPLENDOR , ID. AA-10-M. Rose-pink beauty. Very bright. Good stems. ....	.75
BLIZZARD , SC. AA-10-S. Pure white with a very high center. Petals wave slightly. Very prolific bloomer with good stems	.60
BLUE RIVER , FD. A-9-T. Bluish mauve, very close to blue. Stiff stems. ....	.50
BLIJHEID , St.C. B-6-M. Excellent bright poppy red with straight petals. Erect, long stems. Extra good cutflower. ....	.75
BRAVOUR , SC. B-7-S. Brilliant orange-red. A blaze of color in yard. Wonderful cutflower on best of stems.	1.00
CANTATE , IC. B-7-M. Glowing bright cherry red with slight tinge of yellow at base of petals. Wonderful stems, best of cutflowers. ....	.75
CAPTIVATOR , St.C. B-6-M. White flecked with pale rose stripes. Good stems, cutflower type. ....	.75
CARL DAHL , ID. AA-10-S. Strong stems, apricot buff shaded old rose. ....	.50
CAROLINE KERNOCHEN , ID. A-9-M. Creamy yellow shading out to beautiful rose in outer half. Good stems.	1.00
CASPER LUDWIGS MEMORY , St.C. A-9-T. Beautiful Holland variety of deep blood red. Very long stems, wonderful cut- flower. ....	.75
CHAMOISETTE , SC. B-6-M. Base of petal yellow changing to chamoise shaded salmon. Long stiff stems. Blooms heavily, a wonderful cutflower. ....	.75

CHAS. MASTICK , FD. A-9-M. Lovely amber shading to orange. Strong stems. ....	.50
CIRRUS , St.C. B-7-T. Lovely soft yellow cutflower, seedling of Victory Day. Has it's parents wonderful long stems. ....	.60
CLARA CARDER , ID. AA-11-S. Stiff stems. Glowing cyclamen pink, slightly darker at center. ....	.50
CLARIAM KELTON , ID. A-9-T. Unusual petal formation. Bronze red color, shows a lighter red reverse as petals twist and curl. Good stems. ....	.50
CLAROSE , St.C. B-7-M. Beautiful clear rose pink with lighter center. Straight, slightly rolled petals. Good stems and a fine cutflower.	1.25
CONSTANT PERMEKE , IC. B-7-M. Deep velvety red with brownish hues. Excellent stems, good cutflower.	1.25
CORONA , SC. B-7-M. Light apricot shading to gold at center. Very stiff flower on good stems. ....	.50
CORONATION , ID. A-9-T. Exotic shade of pale purple with silvery reverse. Good stems. ....	.75
CREMON , SC. B-6-S. Loveliest of pale waxen yellow cutflowers. Wonderful stems, flowers abundantly. Fits into any color scheme. ....	.50
CROYDON CYCLAMEN , ID. AA-10-S. Cyclamen pink slightly tipped salmon. Good stems. ....	.80
CROYDON LILAC . FD. A-9-T. Bluish lilac. Good stems. ....	.50
CROYDON LILAC GEM , SC. B-7-M. Unusual shade of lavender, quite a bluish cast. Good stems, wonderful cutflower.	1.00
CROYDON MASTERPIECE , ID. AA-13-S. Terrific flower of burnt orange shading brownish-red. Real bright spot.	1.25
CROYDON RADIANCE , ID. AA-11-M. Big flowers on good stems. Fine deep lilac color, overlaid purple.	1.00
CROYDON SUNRAYS , ID. AA-11-M. Very large, bright yellow. Has tinges of red on back of petals. Petals roll back toward stem, looks like a big yellow football.	1.00
DAHLIAMUM , ID. A-9-M. Deep orange petals twist and roll back. Strong stems. ....	.75
DANSEUSE , IC. B-6-T. Some resemblance to Bergers Masterpiece, somewhat smaller and more vivid color. Salmon pink with lilac blush and some gold in center.	1.00
DARCY SAINSBURY , FD. A-9-M. Perfect flower of creamy white on strong stems. Especially good cutflower for baskets. ....	.75
DAY DREAM , SC. B-7-M. Deep dusky shade of pink, unusual color. Wonderful cutflower from Holland. Excellent stems. One of the highlights in Haarlem Trial Gardens.	1.00
DEEP VELVET , FD. AA-10-M. Beautiful flower of deep velvety red, almost black. Good stems, best of shapes. ....	.75

DELICATE BEAUTY , St.C. B-5-M. Very delicate lavender, slightly tinted purple. Very good cutflower on good stems.	1.00
DESIREE DRAPS , St.C. B-7-S. Bright pink, pale yellow at base. Deeply split tips, good stems.	1.00
DESTIN , St.C. B-5-S. Pleasing lilac mauve. Good cutflower on excellent stems. ....	.50
DEUIL DU ROI ALBERT , ID. B-7-M. Good bi-color of petunia purple tipped white. ....	.50
DIVA , IC. AA-10-T. Beautiful shade of soft lilac. German variety, winning many prizes. Big flowers held on long, strong stems. The more you see of this the better you like it.	1.00
DOGE , SC. B-7-M. Exceptionally beautiful orchid-purple cutflower on terrific stems. New one from Holland.	1.00
DOMINANT , IC. B-7-T. Very incurved and lovely. Light pink shading to creamy yellow at very center. Fine cutflower.....	.75
DOKOUPILOVA OBROVSKA , FD. AA-10-M. Soft lilac rose color. Good stems. ....	.50
DUDINE , SC. B-7-M. Mauve-pink, shading to white at center. Frilled petals, wonderful stems. ....	.75
DUTCH GOLD , IC. B-7-M. Golden yellow cactus, on long, strong stems. Cuts well.	1.00
EASTERN ECHO , FD. B-6-M. Very attractive dark pink variegated with red stripes. ....	.75
EDNA D. , St.C. AA-12-T. Eye-catching deep red. Large and perfect flower. Wonderful stems. Winner of 3 Achievement Awards and on 3 Honor Rolls.	1.00
EDZARD , IC. B-7-M. Canary yellow. Lovely flower, good cutflower with excellent stems. Certificates of Trials, Merit and First Class in Holland 1955.	1.25
EL RUBIO , ID. AA-12-M. Very large flowers of ruby-red held erect on strong stems. Outstanding in yard. ....	.75
ENKARTS PRIMA , SC. B-7-M. Pink shading to yellow at center. Good stems. ....	.60
EVELYN CHANDLER , SC. AA-10-T. Very showy shade of golden apricot, good stems. ....	.50
FAIR MAID , IC. B-7-M. Deep salmon-pink with orangish glow. Wonderful stems, fine cutflower. ....	.75
FAIRYLAND , IC. B-7-M. Coral-pink with yellow center. Wonderful stems, good cutflower.	1.00
FAITHFUL , SC. A-9-T. Beautiful full bloom of snowy white. Good stems, cuts well. ....	.60
FIGARO , SC. AA-12-M. Beautifully variegated bright yellow splashed with red. Strong stems.	1.00
FIJNSTRAAL , St.C. B-7-M. Starlike blooms of pale rose and creamy yellow. Wonderful stems, beautiful flower.	1.00

FINESSE ANVERSOISE , St.C. B-7-T. Tightly quilled petals of chartreuse yellow. Good stems, good cutflower. ....	.75
FLAMING SPIDER , IC. B-6-M. Bright vermillion with a salmon hue. Rival Dutch Challenge Cup 1954. Excellent cutflower.....	1.25
FLAMINGO , FD. B-6-M. Pale lobster-red waterlily type. Excellent stems, good cutflower. ....	.75
FLIRT , IC. B-7-M. Outstanding cutflower of pale sulphur yellow. Petals curve gracefully, wonderful stems. ....	.75
FOREST FIRE , ID. AA-10-S. Lemon yellow, shading to rich scarlet. Strong stems, bright spot in garden. ....	.50
FORTUNE , St.C. B-6-M. Wonderful deep pink cactus. Excellent dahlia for show table, perfect cutflower with good stems. An eyecatcher. ....	.75
GAY SALUTE , IC. B-5-S. A flower arranging gem. Glistening orange-red, wonderful stems, good cutflower. Blooms abundantly. ....	.75
GELE PRINS , FD. B-6-T. Pure bright yellow cutflower. Wonderful stems, looks like a large-sized waterlily. ....	.75
GEORGES DURIVOULT , SC. AA-10-M. Showy flower of light orange, petals curve slightly inward. Long, strong stems, cuts well. ....	.50
GIANT OF BAARN , IC. AA-11-T. Beautiful light, clear red with lighter reverse. Extra long stems for such large flower. Cuts well, a fine dahlia.	1.25
GIANT SPIDER , St.C. AA-10-T. Bright carmine cactus held on terrific stems. A real beauty from Holland. Fine petals, good cutflower.	1.00
GLAMOUR , ID. AA-12-M. Lovely flower of light purple, slightly lighter at edges. Good stems.	1.00
GOLD SPIDER , St.C. B-7-T. Amber gold shading to yellow at center. Wonderful stems, good cutflower.	1.25
GOLDEN RECTITUDE , IC. B-7-T. Light golden orange. Narrow petals, long, strong stems. Fine cutflower.	1.00
GOLIATH , ID. AA-13-S. Immense flowers on heavy stems. Dark blood-red with brownish tones. ....	.75
GOOD EARTH , IC. B-7-T. Wonderful deep rose pink cactus. Long, erect stems. Blooms profusely, exceptionally fine cutflower. This one is a real joy to grow.	1.00
GOOD MORNING , SC. B-6-S. Lovely pale pink cutflower. Good stems, blooms profusely. ....	.75
GOOILAND , SC. B-5-M. Deep salmon bronze. Stems are long and slender. It's a beauty in floral arrangements.	1.00
GRACE , St.C. B-7-S. A dainty cactus of pure phlox pink. Brilliant spot in the garden. Good stems for cutting. ....	.75

GRANDEZZA , IC. B-7-M. Sparkling reddish purple. Sharply pointed petals curl in gracefully. Good cutflower on wonderful stems.	1.00
GYPSY GIRL , FD. B-6-M. Variegated white and purple. Good stems, cuts well.	1.00
HANS KUNTERBUNT , ID. AA-10-T. Good bi-color. Blood red with white tips. Good stems. ....	.60
HARTS WHIRLAWAY , IC. AA-10-M. Yellow and apricot blended to make a lovely autumn color. Excellent stems, good cutflower.	1.25
HAZARD , IC. B-7-T. Wonderful cutflower of an unusual apricot color. Not quite an orange, a real eye-catcher. Long, strong stems, blooms profusely. ....	.75
HEARTS DESIRE , St.C. B-7-T. Glowing salmon colored cactus. Very long, strong stems. Makes a fine bouquet.	1.00
HER GRACE , SC. A-8-M. Beautiful mauve-pink with salmon hue. Wonderful stems, excellent cutflower.	1.00
HERMIONE , St.C. B-7-M. Deep lilac-pink with white center. Wonderful cutflower with long stems. Blooms profusely. ....	.75
HOEKS GLORY , IC. B-7-M. Beautiful lavender sport of Bergers Masterpiece. Good stems, excellent cutflower.	1.00
HOEKS YELLOW , St.C. B-6-M. Wonderful cutflower of pale saffron-yellow. Long, strong stems. Blooms profusely. Definitely a must-have in cutflower group. ....	.60
HURRAH , St.C. B-7-T. Splendid pure yellow blooms on long erect stems. Highest awards in Belgium and German trial gardens.	1.25
HYLAS , SC. B-7-M. Perfect form, long stems. Glowing red with slight touch of gold in center. One of the best cutflowers from Holland. ....	.75
IMMENSE , SC. AA-11-M. Rosy cerise with waved edges on petals. Good form and good stems.	1.00
INCANDESCENT , ID. AA-13-T. Like a big Jane Cowl. Rosy buff, deeper center. Strong stems. ....	.50
INTERRO , IC. B-7-T. Beautiful deep orange. Wonderful stems, cuts well.	1.00
JACK OF HEARTS , FD. B-7-M. Bi-color. Purplish-red with white tips. Good stems. ....	.75
JANE COWL , ID. AA-10-T. Buff and gold, apricot shadings. ....	.50
JEAN TRIMBEE , SC. AA-10-M. Rich purple. Good stems.	1.00
JOSEPH LANGTREE , ID. AA-14-M. Immense blooms of turkey red. Really an eyeful. Strong stems.	1.00
JO VINCENT , SC. B-7-M. Lovely flower of palest pink shading to white at center. Good stems, cuts well. ....	.75

JUSTRITE , FD. B-7-M. Lovely garden flower. Creamy white, deeply tipped orchid. Good stems. ....	.50
KELVIN , ID. AA-11-S. Tyrian pink with gold suffusion. Curled edges on florets. Full bloom, good stems.	1.00
KENTUCKY , FD. AA-10-T. Lovely shade of pink. suffused with yellow. Good stems. ....	.50
KENTUCKY SUN , FD. AA-10-S. Big flowers of lemon yellow. Good stems. ....	.50
KING DAVID , FD. AA-10-M. Attractive flower of rich purple. Good stems. ....	.60
KLANKSTAD KERKRADE , St.C. B-6-S. Wonderful cutflower and exhibition bloom on best of stems. Sulphur yellow, lighter towards tops.	1.00
KLICKPERA , ID. B-7-S. Satin white suffused orchid, good stems.....	.50
KONINGEN JULIANA , St.C. B-6-M. Pure burnt orange. Star-shaped Dutch dahlia with long stems. Many awards in Europe.	1.00
LILAC DISCOVERY , St.C. B-7-M. Very beautiful lilac cutflower, extra long stems. Selected for trial at Wisley Gardens.....	1.00
LILAC SUPERBE , St.C. B-5-M. This is a beauty for flower arrangements, lovely blend of soft lilac shading to white at base of petals. Extra fine stems. A mass of flowers all summer.	1.00
LILY VANDYK , ID. AA-10-S. Pale sulphur yellow with rosy shades. Strong stems. ....	.75
LOMBARTS ALBINO , St.C. B-6-M. Lovely pure white cutflower. Blooms early, and profusely. Good stems. ....	.60
LUX , St.C. B-7-T. Bright yellow with slightly split tips. Long, strong stems. Cuts well.	2.00
MAD. DE BRUXELLES , IC. B-6-M. Exquisite flower with waxen look. Light yellow with outermost petals bright cherry red. Center petals each pencil-edged with same red. As flower grows older all red disappears except the edges. Wonderful stems, good cutflower.	1.25
MAD. ELIZABETH SAWYER , St.C. B-7-M. Beautiful cactus of persian-rose. Very fine cutflower, long stems. ....	.75
MAD. JEAN DEBEAUX , IC. B-7-T. Bi-color. Bright red, heavily tipped white. Good stems. Cuts well.	1.00
MAD. JUSSIANT , IC. B-6-M. Good cutflower of light clear lilac.....	.50
MAESTOSO , IC. A-9-T. Very beautiful flower of dark red. Petals have a hooked appearance, they twist and curl. Long, strong stems, excellent cutflower. A personal favorite.	1.00
MAJESTAT , ID. AA-12-T. Massive blooms of soft yellow and rose pink. Terrific stems, cuts well. ....	.75

MAJUBA , FD. B-6-M. Beautiful red flowers have a purplish sheen. Makes the flower glisten. Wonderful stems, cutflower of great merit. Certificate First Class, Holland 1955. Selected for trial at Wisley, England 1956.	1.25
MANHATTAN , FD. AA-10-T. Beautiful shade of lilac. Boldly formed flowers on terrific stems. Selected for Trial at Wisley, England 1953.	1.00
MARIE DRESSLER , FD. B-7-T. Very different color, a bright cherry red. Good stems, makes fine cutflower. ....	.50
MARIONETTE , IC. B-7-T. Unusual color of persimmon red, doesn't fade. Slightly split tips, wonderful stems. Excellent cutflower.	1.00
MARION GLENN , IC. B-6-M. Lovely purple with split tips. Cuts well.	1.00
MARY ELIZABETH , SC. AA-12-M. Bright cherry red with good stems. All 4 Honor Roll winner.	3.00
MARY TAYLOR , St.C. B-7-M. Very lovely yellow slightly suffused phlox pink. Good stems, excellent cutflower. ....	.50
MAUVE QUEEN , SC. B-7-M. Wonderful flower of mauve-lilac. Petal edges wave slightly giving beautiful effect. Excellent stems, makes lovely flower arrangements. ....	.75
MAYOR FRANK OTIS , ID. AA-12-T. Beautiful golden yellow shaded bronze, twisted petals, Strong stems holds flower well. Can be grown to great size. ....	.60
MENDEL , SC. AA-10-S. Color is pale lilac. Good stems. ....	.75
MICHAEL BLACK , ID. AA-10-M. Velvety purple that does not fade. Lovely color, has good stems. ....	.60
MIR , ID. AA-10-M. Czechoslovakian name meaning "Peace". Petals are slightly waved, very beautiful pure white.	1.50
MIRABELLA , St.C. B-5-T. One of the best of cutflowers. Bright Mauve, has wonderful stems. Flowers keep for days, one of our favorites. ....	.75
MISS ROSE FLETCHER , SC. B-5-M. Lovely flower of daintiest of pinks. Good stems, excellent cutflower.	1.00
MLLE. CLEMENTINE PAYEN , IC. B-7-M. Lovely light blend of white to lavender with almost purple center. Good stems, has won many awards. ....	.75
MOEDER AARTSEN , IC. B-6-S. Lovely chamois-bronze cactus from Holland. Petals curve gracefully, good stems. Excellent cutflower. ....	.60
MONTY , IC. B-8-M. Good cutflower on long, strong stems. Cerise-red with twisting petals. ....	.60
MONUMENT , St.C. B-5-M. Nice cutflower with good stems. Lovely pure white. ....	.60
MRS. ELLA WORTHEN , SC. AA-11-T. Salmon pink with yellow shadings. Long, graceful florets. Good stems. ....	.50

NAGELS BIJOU , St.C. B-7-M. Soft shade of light orange, very attractive. Excellent stems, good cutflower, blends well in bouquets. ....	.60
NAGELS ORANGE , St.C. B-8-M. Rich pure orange with loads of bloom. Good stems and a fine cutflower. ....	.60
NAGELS PERFECTION , St.C. AA-10-T. Delicate flesh pink with lighter cream center.	1.00
NAGELS PHENOMENON (also listed as Phenomenon) IC. A-9-M. Beautiful flower of white that deepens into a great splash of rosy-purple at outer ends. Deeply split petals gives flower a frothy look.	1.25
NAGELS STABILITE , SC. A-9-M. Lovely shade of pale rose, good stems and cuts well.	1.00
NAILA , IC. A-8-M. This was a surprise. Didn't expect it to be so lovely. Rich dark crimson cactus with needle-sharp tips. Good stems, cuts beautifully.	1.25
NEAREST BLUE , ID. AA-11-S. Massive, reflexed shape. Strong stems, blooms heavily.	1.50
NICKY K. , SC. B-6-M. Brightest scarlet in the garden. Has each petal split. Truly beautiful and a fine cutflower with good stems. Same shape as Rees Sunshine. ....	.60
NOBLE GLORY , SC. A-9-M. Soft golden-buff with rose suffusion on high center. Staghorn petals. Good stems.	1.00
OAKLEIGH CHAMPION , IC. A-9-T. Blend of soft orange buff overlaid light tyrian pink. Attractive lacinated and twisting petal formation. ....	.60
ORFEO , IC. B-7-M. Truly beautiful glistening purple. Petals curve gracefully in. Good stems and a wonderful cutflower. ....	.75
OSTARA , SC. B-5-M. Good cutflower of lilac. Excellent stems.	1.00
PAVANE , IC. B-6-M. Pure soft rose that fits into any bouquet. Real beauty from Holland, has good stems. ....	.75
PEACH BLOSSOM , SC. A-8-M. A beautiful surprise, this one was much lovelier than was expected. Glowing Peach Blossom pink, petals curve in slightly. Good stems, excellent cutflower type. ....	.75
PENN STAR , FD. A-8-M. Splashy light purple, heavily tipped white. Good stems. ....	.75
PETERS GLORY , FD. A-8-M. Beautiful shade of light pink shading white at center. Sport of Snowstorm. Wonderful cutflower. Exceptionally good stems, long and strong. ....	.60
PHENOMENON , (listed under NAGELS PHENOMENON).	
PINK SUTHERLAND , FD. A-8-T. Florist type, pale pink. Lovely in a wedding basket. Good stems. ....	.50
PINK TAFFY , ID. A-8-T. Good cutflower of pale pink, slightly suffused cerise. Good stems and blooms profusely. ....	.50

PIONEER , St.C. B-7-M. Very bright yellow. Long, strong stems. Wonderful cutflower.	1.00
PIUS XI , FD. B-6-M. Unusual bi-color. Bright yellow with white tips. Good stems. Makes excellent cutflower.	1.00
PREMIE , FD. A-9-M. Bluish purple with petals showing silvery edge. Good stems.	1.00
PRIDE OF HOLLAND , St.C. A-10-M. Bright rose, wonderful stems. Excellent cutflower.	1.50
PRIG , SC. B-6-M. Very attractive red with tiny gold tips. Excellent stems, good cutflower.	1.00
PRINCE OF PERSIA , ID. AA-11-T. Very bright, clear shade of red. Does not fade. Has good stems.50
PRINCESS LOUISE DE SUEDE , FD. B-5-M. Orange-scarlet with white tips. Good stems, cuts well.60
PRODUCER , St.C. B-7-M. Fine form for arrangements. Lovely pink with a lighter center. Slight split on tips. Blooms in abundance, cuts well. Excellent stems.75
PURITY , SC. B-7-M. Beautiful pure white cutflower. Loaded with blooms of perfect shape. Excellent stems.60
QUINNS TIDAL WAVE , ID. AA-12-M. Deep yellow blooms, on sturdy stems. Has won many awards.	2.00
RAY SMITH , SC. A-10-T. Deep lavender of a lovely shade. Strong stems.50
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REG DEEPROSE , ID. AA-11-M. Deep pinkish lavender at base shading to light lavender at tips. Good stems.	1.25
RENAISSANCE , IC. B-7-M. Outstanding cinnamon-red with lighter reverse which shows at tips. Lovely spidery-type with good stems. Makes fine cutflower. From Holland.	1.00
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RHEINLAND , IC. A-8-M. Pale flesh color deepening to sulphur yellow at center. Good stems, cuts well.	1.25
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ROCKET SPRAY , SC. A-10-T. Creamy yellow, suffused cerise. An eye-catcher.75
ROCKLEY ORANGE , SC. B-7-M. Very productive cutflower of bright orange. Petals twist, has good stems.50
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ROYAL SIGHT , SC. A-10-M. Bright rhodamine pink has white center late in season. Good stems, fine cutflower.	1.00
SALAMANDER , SC. A-9-M. Very splashy variegated variety. Light tan background, profusely splashed with dark red. Petals turn backward toward stems, good stems. Changes it's color variations so much it's well named.	1.00
SALMON GLORY , IC. A-9-T. Perfect blooms on long stems. Salmon-apricot with bright yellow center. Certificate of first class 1955 Holland.	1.50
SANTA CLAUS , ID. B-7-S. Tri-color on good stems. Colors scarlet, yellow or orange and white in varied combinations.50
SARRETT'S PINK FLAMINGO , IC. AA-10-M. Lovely deep rose pink cactus, shading lighter pink. Good stems and blooms profusely.75
SGT. WILLIAMS , ID. AA-12-M. Good stems carry golden-yellow flowers well. Sport of Glamour.	1.00
SHALIMAR , ID. AA-10-T. Lovely white, very profuse and a good cutflower on good stems.60
SHOWA , IC. A-9-M. Two-toned fuschia edged white. Very showy in garden.50
SHOW GIRL , IC. AA-10-M. Very beautiful light yellow cactus. Excellent stems, makes fine cutflower.	1.00
SILVER BOB , ID. A-9-T. Very showy white shading to deep splashes of fuschia-rose at tips.	1.00
SILVER GLAMOUR , ID. AA-12-M. Eye-catching beauty of orchid-purple with a silver edging on each petal. Sturdy stems. Sport of Glamour.	1.00

SILVER WEDDING , IC. AA-10-M. Beautiful white flowers have a slight lavender overlay. Wonderful stems.	2.00
SILVRETTA , St.C. B-6-T. From Holland, beautiful pink and gold. Best of cutflowers on excellent stems.	1.00
SIMOUN , AA-11-S. Variegated, bright yellow, lightly flecked and striped light red. Good stems.	1.00
SOMERTON LAVENDER , SC. A-9-M. Lovely lavender-mauve color. Has good stems and cuts well. ....	.75
SOUR. DE MAD. CLEMENT ANDRIES , IC. B-7-M. Lovely bright pink with white center. Sport of Aumonier Chandelon. Extra good cutflower on good stems. ....	.75
SPLASH , ID. A-9-T. Splashy bi-color of orangish-tan heavily tipped white. Good stems and cuts well.	1.00
STUART OGG , ID. AA-10-M. Pale lemon-yellow shades out to almost white at tips. Excellent stems, outstanding flower.....	1.00
SUNNY HEART , FD. B-5-T. Striking scarlet-orange with a bright yellow heart. Good stems, wonderful cutflower. Blooms profusely. Honor Roll in 1952. ....	.75
SYDNEY , ID. AA-10-M. Lovely color, rose-pink shading to gold at base of petals. Good stems.	1.00
TAIYO , IC. AA-10-T. Deep velvety maroon with some tips white, some solid, all on same plant. Very rich color. ....	.50
THE VOLUNTEER , ID. AA-11-M. Splendid purple with lighter tips. Good stems.	1.25
THE WORLD , ID. A-8-M. Dark lilac with lighter edges. Good stems. ....	.75
TOP NOTCH , IC. A-9-M. Beautiful blood red color. Excellent stems, good cutflower. Certificate of Merit Holland 1954.	2.00
TOP SCORE , St.C. B-5-M. Bluish lavender with white at base of petals. Good stems, cuts well. ....	.75
TORNADO , IC. B-7-M. Attractive orange-red. Wonderful stems, keeps well as cutflower.	1.00
TOSTO , SC. B-5-M. One of the very best cutflowers, resembles Miss Rose Fletcher in shape. Wonderful stems, deep currant red with purple shadings. One of our favorites. ....	.75
TRAJECTUM , St.C. B-7-M. Lovely deep mauve shading lighter at center. Wonderful color and good cutflower on fine stems. ....	.60
TRIUMPH OF MILAN , FD. B-7-T. Good bi-color. Bright red tipped white. Good stems.	1.00
UTOPIA , IC. A-8-T. Beautiful cutflower of carmine-pink blended with salmon. Excellent stems, blooms abundantly. A personal favorite.	1.00
VAL ST. LAMBERT , St.C. B-7-M. Beautiful flower of palest cream yellow, with outer two-thirds of petal rich red-purple. Tips of petals split. Good cutflower on excellent stems.	1.00

VAMPYR , IC. AA-10-T. Deep, bright orange, with terrific stems. It's twisted petals give it a truly "vampyrish" look. Makes a striking bouquet. Winner of Challenge Cup for best foreign novelty in Belgium 1953.	1.00
VICTORY DAY , St.C. B-7-T. Very beautiful bright, berry red. Terrific stems, good cutflower.	1.00
VICTORY MAID , IC. B-7-M. Beautiful bi-color. Medium-red evenly tipped white. Cane-like stems, fine cutflower.	1.00
VIOLINE , FD. AA-10-T. This beauty is cupped slightly, like a big buttercup. The color is white shading to pinkish-lavender at tips. Very eye-catching. Wonderful stems, outstanding flower for garden or show. ....	.75
VIRGINIA RUTE , SC. AA-12-T. Rich ox-blood red. Strong stems, very beautiful garden plant. ....	.60
W.A.A.C. , FD. AA-12-T. Massive blooms and bush. Light lemon yellow shading palest pink. Good stems. ....	.50
WAKE UP , SC. B-7-T. Very beautiful flower of deep glistening red. Cane-like stems. Best of cutflowers, a personal favorite.	1.00
WARPAINT , SC. AA-11-M. Very striking light red and yellow intermixed on incurved and twisting petals. Excellent stems.....	1.25
WHITE SUPERIOR , St.C. B-7-M. Lovely white cactus. Fine stems, good cutflower.	1.00
WINE SPORT , ID. AA-10-T. Solid purple sport of Dixie Wine Dot. Good stems. ....	.50
WINIFRED STREDWICK , ID. AA-12-M. Beautiful big English white. Perfectly formed, stout stems.	1.25
WM. EVANS , IC. AA-11-S. Big burnt red of unusual form. Twisting, curling petals give an attractive, deep shape.	1.00
WM. ROPKE , IC. B-7-S. Dazzling pure orange with golden center. Awarded Golden medal of Honour Swedish Dahlia Society. Good stems, cuts well.	1.00
YELLOW SPIDER , IC. B-7-M. Lovely flower of sulphur yellow which lightens at outer tips. Good stems, cuts well.	1.25
YELLOW STAR , St.C. A-9-M. Brilliant yellow cutflower on grand stems.	1.00
ZENITH , St.C. B-6-M. Long-stemmed deep purple cutflower. Good one from Holland. ....	.60

IDENTIFICATION OF ROOTS

Each root has name written on it to prevent loss of tags in shipment.

MINIATURE DAHLIAS

Miniature dahlias are, as their name implies, miniature copies of larger varieties. Under 4 inches in diameter. The bush grows to various heights. Exceptionally fine for small bouquets. flower arrangers delight.

ANDREAS ORANGE , St.C. Bright orange from Holland. Good cutflower, medium height. ....	.50
ANDREAS PINK , FD. Lovely rose-pink waterlily type. Excellent stems, medium height, makes a wonderful small bouquet.....	.50
ANDRIES BONUM , SC. Soft rose with lilac shadings. Good stems, medium height. ....	.50
ANIMATO , IC. Vivid clear pink, with lighter center. Low growing bush, excellent in front of shrubs. Good stems, cuts well.....	.50
ANNA MONEA , St.C. Lavender pink cutflower with excellent stems. Medium height. ....	.35
ARABESKE , St.C. Dainty sulphur yellow cutflower. Excellent stems, short bush. ....	.50
BABY FONTENEAU , FD. Lovely soft rose pink with yellow showing at base of petals. Good stems. A beauty for arrangements. Medium height. ....	.50
BUCKEYE BABY , FD. Golden buff lightly shaded red on reverse. Blooms profusely on good stems. Excellent cutflower.....	.35
CORONNE , FD. Pure waxy white. Wonderful cutflower on best of stems. ....	.35
DIAMANT , FD. Copper-red with violet sheen. Waterlily type cutflower, excellent stems. ....	.50
DUBONNET , St.C. Tiny dubonnet red cactus, very dainty in bouquets. Bush is hedgelike, covered with masses of blooms.....	.50
ELSJE , IC. Golden yellow cactus with narrow twisted petals. Good stems. ....	.50
FIRST LADY , St.C. Small-flowered rose pink cactus. Good stems, excellent cutflower. Low bush. ....	.50
FLORIST , FD. Sweet flower of lovely pure lilac. Makes beautiful bouquets. Excellent stems. ....	.50
GERRIE HOEK , FD. The prettiest pink waterlily, a perfect shell pink cutflower on longest stems. The waterlily types are among the favorites of the garden. ....	.50
GLORY OF HEEMSTED , FD. Lovely yellow waterlily type. Flowers are so perfect they look like wax. Outstanding cutflower. ....	.75
HELLY BOUDWIJN , FD. Waterlily type. Almost transparent white, wonderful for cutflowers. ....	.50
HESTIA , SC. Lovely autumn shades, petals curve inward slightly. Excellent cutflower on good stems. Blends well in bouquets. Low bush. ....	.50
HOBBY , FD. Small white cutflower, blooms abundantly. Good stems. ....	.50
I.K.E. , FD. Deep red cutflower on excellent stems. Tall bush. ....	.35

JAPANESE BISHOP , Peony. Rich red with dark open center. Foliage very dark almost black. Good stems. ....	.35
JESCOT DAPHNE , FD. Exotic bi-color. Violet-red heavily tipped white. Terrific stems. Shaped like large pompon, makes outstanding bouquets. ....	.75
JUBILANT , SC. Mass of brilliant rose-pink cutflowers on wonderful stems. Petals curve in slightly. Low bush. ....	.50
LADIES FANCY , St.C. Very dainty little cutflower, wonderful for arrangements. Delicate lemon yellow, with faint blush of rose at tips. Good stems, low bush. ....	.50
LILY BELLE , FD. Apple blossom pink, almost ball-shaped. Good stems. Beautiful cutflower for wedding baskets. ....	.35
MAB , St.C. Wonderful cutflower of soft rose pink, shading to silver at tips. Good stems. Highly commended at Wisley Gardens, England. ....	.50
MARY RICHARDS , FD. Lovely waterlily cutflower. White shading into lavender on excellent stems.	1.00
MONTAFON , IC. Pale lavender, tiny cactus flower. Almost dwarf bush. ....	.50
PREFERENCE , SC. Lovely pale salmon color. Truly a beautiful cutflower with excellent stems. Medium height.	1.00
QUEEN OF YELLOWS , Ball. Vivid yellow, tall bush. Good stems. ....	.35
ROSETTIE , SC. Rose-red blended with yellow. Makes an unusual cutflower with good stems. Short bush. ....	.35
ROTKELCHE n, FD. Very small flowers on very long stems. Brick red shading to darker red in center. Cuts well. ....	.35
ROYALTY , SC. Excellent deep lavender, good stems. Medium height. ....	.35
SABINE , SC. Salmon-orange blend. Petals curl inward, good stems. Wonderful cutflower, ....	.50
SORGVLIET , orchid type. Twisted and cupped, very unusual shape, doesn't look like a dahlia. Brownish tan, mottled red. ....	.35
SWIFT , St.C. Brilliant rose color. Stiff stems, excellent cutflower. Low bush. ....	.50
TIP , St.C. Primrose yellow cactus, fine cutflower. Good stems, medium bush. ....	.50
TONETTE , St.C. Smallest of cactus flowers, lovely salmon color intermingled with apricot. Wonderful for flower arrangements, good stems. ....	.50
VERITY WADSWORTH , FD. Ball-shaped. Yellow cutflower on good stems. Tall bush. ....	.35
VURRBACK , SC. Bright red on good stems. Cuts well. Low bush. ....	.50
WHITE FAWN , FD. Lovely ball-shaped cutflower. Good clear white. Good stems, medium bush. ....	.35
ZALMSTER , St.C. Low-growing cutflower of glowing shades of deep salmon. Nice in small bouquets, good stems. ....	.50

COLLARETTES

CHERUBINO. Beautiful white with white collar. Medium bush.....	.50
COTTONTAIL. Large flowered purple, almost black. White collar splashed with purple. Medium bush. A beauty. ....	.75
FLORISANT. Large rosy lilac with pure white collar. ....	.75
KOMEET. Blood red with yellow collar. ....	.50
LA GIOCONDA. Bright scarlet-red petals, golden-yellow collar....	.50
MERRY-GO-ROUND. Rich wine-crimson with white tips. White collar. ....	.75
SUZETTE (also listed in dwarfs). Only dwarf collarette. Purple with a rose collar. ....	.50

ANEMONE VARIETIES

BRIDESMAID. Purest white with lemon inner florets. Low bush....	.50
COMETTE. Large flower of deep maroon. Very unusual flower. Tall bush. ....	.75
DEANNA DURBIN. Sulphur yellow with yellow florets in center. Medium bush. ....	.50
SIEMEN DOORENBOS. Lilac outer petals, creamy white center florets. ....	.50
VERA HIGGINS. Blend of coral-pink and salmon-buff. Disc florets are light yellow and coral-pink. ....	.50

DWARF VARIETIES

This term applies to plant size without regard to characteristics of the blooms.

BONNE ESPERANCE, Mignon. 1-in. flower of pale pink. Tiniest of flowers. ....	.50
KATE, FD. Double flower of bright red. ....	.50
KING OF BLACKS, Mignon. 2½-in. flower of darkest crimson-purple. ....	.35
MARREJAN, Mignon. 2½-in. flower of pure white. ....	.35
STERETTJE, St.C. Ivory white. ....	.50
SUZETTE (also listed in collarettes) coll. Only dwarf collarette, purple with rose collar. ....	.50

SPECIAL BARGAIN

We are going to have a great abundance of some of our varieties. To take care of the surplus we offer five dollars worth of named A and B sized varieties, our choice, for three dollars. If you've had bad luck with your dahlias this is your chance to start again.

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To take care of surplus miniature varieties we offer four dollars worth of named miniatures, our choice, for two dollars.

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POMPONS

35c Each

- ALBINO.** Lovely white from Holland. Tall bush.
ALDA. Black-red flowers, medium bush.
ALICE. Bright red, medium bush.
AMBER QUEEN. Bronze-amber, medium bush.
ANDRE MENOU. Nice pink. Low bush.
BANTAM. Bright, light scarlet, orange tone. Medium bush.
BETTY ANN. Small flower, light pink. Low bush.
BLUE DOT. Pinkish lavender. Medium bush.
CELESTIA. Lovely, small white. Medium bush.
EUNICE. White, heavily suffused lavender. Medium bush.
HELEN ANITA. Lovely pinkish lavender with white center. Medium bush.
JANY VAN DER ELST. Deep pinkish lilac. Medium bush. Cup winner 1953.
JOE FETTE. Good white. Medium bush.
KOCHELSE. Large flower of lovely bright red. Medium bush.
LIBBY ROHR. Long stemmed purple. Tall bush.
LITTLE DAVID. Small flower of burnt orange. Medium bush.
MARY MUNNS. Light purple. Medium bush.
MIMOSA. Larger flower of deep yellow. Medium bush.
MINNIE MELLS. Small flowered very light orchid shading to purple at tips, purple eye. Medium bush.
PAPOOSE. Reddish-orange with white tips. Medium bush.
TAAKAS YELLOW. Golden yellow. Tall bush.
TOMMY KEITH. Light red tipped white. Medium bush.
VALIANT. Large flower of deep maroon red. Medium bush.
VIVID. Bright scarlet. Medium bush.
WHITE ASTER. Large flowered good white. Medium bush.
YELLOW GEM. Canary yellow. Medium bush.
ZONNEGOUD. Bright gold. Medium bush.

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To take care of surplus pompon varieties we offer ten pompons, our choice, for two dollars and fifty cents.

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CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

Do Not Plant Dahlias in Cold, Wet Ground

Many dahlias rot in ground as result of too early planting. If your ground is well-drained and the weather has been warm you can safely plant in mid-April, but each spring brings its own set of problems so be sure the ground is okay. Ground should be well worked up about two weeks ahead of planting. Application of 5 pounds of bone meal and 1 pound of Muriate or Sulphate of Potash to every 10 hills will give them a good start.

Hole should be from 5 inches in heavy soil to 8 inches in light sandy soil. Holes should be approximately 3 feet apart for larger varieties, closer for smaller varieties. Drive stake before root placed in hole to prevent breaking root. Lay root on side with eye on upper side and cover with about two inches of soil if your ground is light. If ground is heavy fill hole completely to keep water from collecting and rotting dahlia. In light soil fill the hole in as dahlia plant grows. A light mulch of grass clippings or similar material will help during hot weather.

Do not water too often, but water deeply whenever necessary. The water should reach down in the ground about a foot to be of much help.

As the buds begin to form a light dressing of commercial fertilizer, applied about eight inches from plant to avoid burning, will keep the flowers coming. Too much nitrogen will produce heavy bush growth, weakens the stems somewhat and produces a poor root crop.

Spray regularly to keep pests, especially aphids, off plants. Your local garden store will tell you the brand of spray most used in your community.

After the first killing frost, or sooner if getting late in year, the clumps should be dug. If the frost hasn't bothered dahlias and it is time to dig, you may cut tops off, then dig. If dirt is washed off gently the eyes will show at digging time and it's very easy to divide at that time. Write the name on each tuber to avoid mixups, let dry off, dust cut parts with sulphur and pack away. We prefer sawdust or shavings to pack in. Be sure they are put in a frost-free storage spot, not too warm or they will shrivel badly. Try planting two roots of a kind, one on each side of stake. If one has an accident you still have a well-filled flowerbed.

We hope you find much pleasure in your garden.

CUTFLOWERS

Try this for longer-lasting bouquets. Boil the tips of stems for 30 seconds, then place in water of bath temperature. Allow water to cool before removing flowers and arranging in usual cool water. Wrap paper around blooms while in warm water to protect blooms. Use a sharp knife to cut stems to prevent bruising which shuts out water. If you re-cut stems, seal the new cut with boiling water again. Dahlias ooze a milky substance which prevents water from going up stem unless sealed. A little practice will show you that dahlias keep as well as any other garden flower in bouquets.

DAHLIA SOCIETIES

If you're going to enjoy growing dahlias as a hobby, why not join your local dahlia society and acquire all the local know-how you can? You can have fun growing to exhibit at local shows, and even if you don't win, it gives you something to look forward to each fall. It will give you a lot of pleasure to join the bigger organizations too. Be a dahlia-information collector, it helps pass away the time till you can garden again. You'll be amazed at the different methods of doing things you'll find. Try a few, then keep the one that works best for you. Of course, you may get a little "dahlia-happy," but it's a harmless disease, even though it seems to be contagious.

The American Dahlia Society puts out a publication four times a year, plus a classification booklet which it sponsors jointly with Central States Dahlia Society.

Central States Dahlia Society also has a fine publication.

The Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference also puts out a fine bulletin twice a year. Membership also entitles you to show privileges. Conference show to be at Tacoma this year, be sure to see it.

The West Coast Dahlia is a monthly publication full of information on dahlias, well worth the small subscription price.

All these booklets give out information about forthcoming shows, the winners in past shows, wonderful articles by assorted authors. If you're really in the mood you can get on your soapbox and give your opinions too, they print them, regardless of crushed toes.

Seattle and surrounding territory has a new Dahlia Society. We're just getting started, why not join us? This will give you an opportunity to talk dahlias to others who are really interested. If you're interested, drop us a card and we'll give you information on meetings. Would like to meet all our local customers at the next year's meetings.

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